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## SENATOR SCOTT'S INSURANCE BILL DEBATED IN COMMITTEE

LANSING, Michigan – Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) testified today before the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions on her bill, Senate Bill 26, that would prohibit the setting of insurance rates by geographic location. The three-hour meeting was welcomed by Sen. Scott, who has been waiting three years to have her bill taken up in committee.

“I want to thank the chair of the committee for taking up this important piece of legislation,” said Scott. “In order to bring real rate relief to those in our urban areas, we must put greater weight on how a person drives, and less weight on where they live.”

Studies continue to show that Detroit residents pay some of the highest auto and homeowners insurance in the country.

The Governor made insurance reform a priority during her State of the State Address. The Senate Democratic Caucus has introduced a 20+ bill package to address the high costs of auto and homeowners insurance in this state. Sen. Scott called upon the committee to work with her, the administration and her colleagues in search of solutions to true, meaningful insurance reform.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Mike Bishop, engaged in a lengthy debate about how to bring down insurance rates in urban areas, but did not report SB 26 out of committee. However, Sen. Scott is hopeful that this was an important first step in addressing this vital issue.

“You can be sure that I will continue to advocate for insurance reform until I see significant legislative action on the issue,” Scott said. “People should pay automobile premiums based on their driving record and the value of the car they drive, and not where they live.”

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*Senator Scott represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.*

